

September 11, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 3:00 p.m. Supervisors Ginger Schwanebeck, Bryan Hoover, and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Treasurer Irene Messinger was not able to attend today's meeting. A report was submitted for review.

Others present: Brian Jopek from the Lakeland Times, Eric Johnson from FYI.

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve voucher numbers 46143-46212 from the General Fund account, and vouchers 1549-1552 from the Ambulance Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger was not able to attend today's meeting but provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 08/31/2013 as 911,939.00. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 08/31/2013 as \$690,490.50. The August settlement was received in the amount of \$257,875.73. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Appeal Members: The board was presented with a listing of the Board of Appeal Members for re-Appointment and appointment. (A copy will be attached to these minutes as part of the permanent record.) Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to re-appoint Joy Hanser (Chairman) Stan Guif, Mike Zimmerman, Jim Caldwell and John Bartosz as members, re-appoint Norm Wetzel, Rick Zelm as alternates and to appoint Roy Redlich as new alternate for the upcoming terms. Motion carried.

Oneida County Emergency Management: Approximately 2 weeks ago Mr. Gaulke along with Fire/Ambulance Chief Tom Wegner, Oneida County Emergency Management, and a representative from Howard Young had a meeting to discuss the situation when LDF cannot get a crew together and Vilas County needs to send out Med 5. Oneida County Emergency Management wants to set up a contract with LDF as they do with Arbor Vitae, Minocqua that when a run is made by Med 5 they will bill the town a fee based on a equalized value formula. Mr. Gaulke did receive some preliminary figures from Oneida County however they appear to be figures based on only a half year. Mr. Gaulke estimates a yearly cost might be \$23,000.00. Mr. Wegner was not present

today but in his previous conversation with Mr. Gaulke stated he thought it was a fair formula and they do provide the services needed when a LDF crew cannot get together. Mr. Gaulke asked Mr. Koretenhof to get us figures from the last 5 years so some type of estimate could be made come budget time. He will try to also get a figure per run but does not know if this is possible. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to table this item until more information is received and we can make a more informative decision. Motion carried.

Cemetery Discussion: Mr. Gaulke reported that our sexton for the cemetery George Thompson has resigned. George has done a very good job in helping mark the grave sites for our records. The job is not yet complete. There have been some problems with the sexton and the digger. Mr. Gaulke would like to see that a cemetery committee get formed consisting of the local clergy, tribe and town members. Mr. Gaulke has spoke with Mr. Maulson to explain the situation and Mr. Maulson will try to get some names together of sexton choices to bring to the committee. The committee can then bring their recommendations to the Town Board. The sexton is appointed by the Town Board and it is a non-payable position by state statute. A letter can be sent to the clergy to see their interest on being a part of the committee. Mr. Gaulke could start by giving them an update on how things have been working over the past years. Discussion to table this item until names and contacts can be made with recommendations of the formation of the committee. This committee would normally meet twice a year once formed and running smoothly. Policies and procedures would need to be documented and upheld.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk